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SUBJECT: IRAQI DELEGATION TO NACC FM AND PROBABLY OBJECTIVES

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1. REFERENCE A NOT RECEIVED UNTIL APRIL 6, TWO DAYS
AFTER DEPARTURE OF IRAQI DELEGATION FOR NEW DELHI HEADED
BY MINISTER OF STATE FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, HAMED ALWAN.
ALWAN, ALTHOUGH NUMBER-TWO MAN AT MFA, IS CLOSE TO BAATH
PARTY LEADERSHIP. HE IS PERSONALLY APPROACHABLE, BUT
IN VIEW OF HIS PROBABLY HARDLINE IDEOLOGICAL PRECONCEPTIONS
A MORE FRUITFUL POSSIBLITY ON IRAQI DELEGATION IS
ISMET KETTANEH, DG OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AT
THE MFA. KETTANEH IS A RESPECTED AND APPROACHABLE
U.S. EDUCATED PROFESSIONAL DIPLOMAT. HE LENGTHY PERIOD
OF SERVICE WITH U.S. SECRETARIAT IN NEW YORK GIVES HIM
AN UNUSUALLY BROAD PERSPECTIVE FOR AN IRAQI OFFICIAL.

2. IRAQI DELEGATION PLANS TO PRESENT A REPORT ON
PROBLEMS OF NONALIGNED MOVEMENT. ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT
KNOW SUBSTANCE OF REPORT, IT REPORTEDLY FOCUSES ON
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FOLLOWING: WEAKNESS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF NAM RESOLUTIONS,
MEMBERSHIP QUALIFICATIONS, OPEC AS
A MODEL FOR PRODUCERS OF BASIC MATERIALS, INDIAN OCEAN
AS ZONE OF PEACE, DANGER POSED BY "ZIONIST ENTITY"
AND ITS ASSOCIATION WITH RACIST REGIMES IN SOUTHERN
AFRICA.

3. IRAQIS CAN BE EXPECTED TO TAKE RADICAL POSITIONS
ON MOST POLITICAL ISSUES AND ON NORTH-SOUTH ECONOMIC
ISSUES. DISAGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET UNION ON THE
MIDDLE EAST MAY ERODE IRAQI SUPPORT FOR SOVIET
POSITIONS ON GLOBAL ISSUES SUCH AS DISARMAMENT. SIMILARLY,
CURRENT STRAINS BETWEEN IRAQ AND NORTH KOREA WILL
PROBABLY REDUCE NORMAL IRAQI SUPPORT FOR NORTH KOREA.
ON MIDDLE EAST, IRAQI POSITION WILL BE HARDLINE
AND UNYIELDING. IRAQIS MAY OPPOSE AS TOO MODERATE RESOLUTIONS
WITH ARAB CONFRONTATION STATES, REGARDED HERE AS
"CAPITULATIONIST REGIMES", MAY SUBMIT. GOI OPPOSES
RECONVENING OF GENEVA MIDDLE EAST PEACE CONFERENCE.

4. WE WILL ASK TO MEET WITH KETTANEH FOR DEBRIEFING
AFTER HIS RETURN FROM NEW DELHI.
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